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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COBLE).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 27, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable HOWARD COBLE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 12 noon in lieu of morning hour debates.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 31 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 12 noon.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) at 12 noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

We gather together for prayer as we do every day when we ask for guidance and blessing for the day ahead.

But on this day, O God, we come with hearts that are saddened and with souls distressed with the knowledge that violence has been done to our community. As we gather for our prayer we come as people who have the honor of service in this special place, but today we mourn the loss of two of

our colleagues who gave their lives so others would live.

From this time onward the names of Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson will be remembered with honor and dignity and praise and thanksgiving. O loving and eternal God, whose mercies are without end, we ask Your blessing upon the families of these men. Comfort them in their sorrow, strengthen them in their need, grant solace and peace in their hearts. You have promised, O God, that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, You are with us with Your grace and Your promise of eternal life.

We also remember in our prayer Angela Dickerson and offer our prayers for her recovery. May Your spirit be with her and her family and sustain them in the days ahead.

We pray, O loving God, that your strong hand will give a special blessing to those men and women who have devoted their lives to the protection of all of us who work in our Capitol, and also the many who visit this place. For all the police who serve with faithfulness and dedication and who mourn the loss of two of their own, we ask for Your healing presence. Be with them in their grief.

May your peace, O God, that passes all human understanding, be with all who mourn, now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would ask all Members and guests to join me in pledging allegiance to the flag, which stands for the principles for which Detective Gibson and Officer Chestnut have so recently given their lives.

Mr. HOYER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

AUTHORIZING USE OF ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 310) and I ask for its immediate consideration and adoption by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 310

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING USE OF ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT.

The rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used for a memorial service and proceedings related thereto for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, under the direction of the United States Capitol Police Board.

SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE IN CAPITOL IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTNUT.

The Architect of the Capitol shall place a plaque in honor of the memory of Detective

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